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## Thanks for all the turkey...day

The Verge explores all the traditions, tricks and treats of this at once humbling and gluttonous holiday.

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## Rec Center to ask for student fees

By Jennifer Peryam  
STAFF WRITER

Ken Baker, director of campus recreation, prepped the Apportionment Board Wednesday to request funds in February for the campus Recreation Center.

Baker showed the board a video outlining the options the center offers such as aerobic classes, weight training, exercise machines, basketball courts and a track for runners.

"We show this video as a support tool at student orientation and open houses to let students and parents know what we are about," Baker said.

Baker said 12,419 students visited the recreation center during the week of Nov. 10 – 16. In February, Baker plans to request about \$50,000 from the AB to replace equipment dating back to 1991.

Last year the AB gave the Recreation Center money to replace outdated equipment, enabling them to replace 22 machines.

The installation process usually takes about two weeks to complete. Last year's machines were to be installed in the fall, but were installed ahead of schedule in July, Baker said.

"The Apportionment Board gives us a budget and my job is to stay in that budget," Baker said. If AB approves the expenses in February, the Fitness Factory located in Chicago could install the equipment.

"I went to the Fitness Factory this fall to look at the club industry equipment, and there were some promising prices offered," Baker said.

The Recreation Center would

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—Ken Baker, campus recreation director

get a \$16,000 discount and a \$17,000 trade-in amount.

"Installing these circuits boils down to what students like and want," Baker said.

"Students have an option to either keep the same equipment or come out with a new circuit along with the old to get the best of both worlds. It is the students who need to make the decision," Baker said.

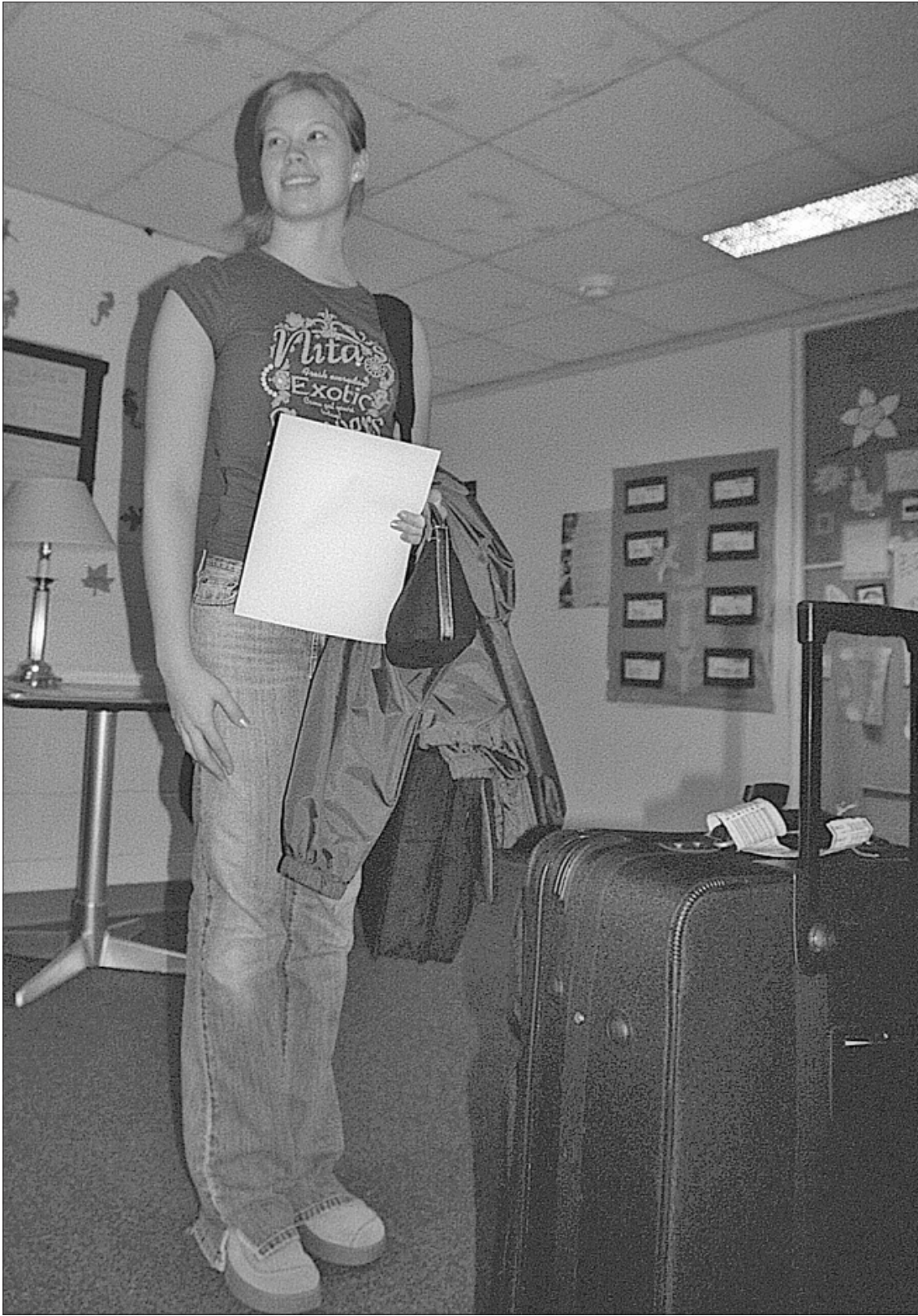
A question of injury statistics came up during the meeting.

"No new injuries have occurred in 2003 with the equipment that dates back to 1991," Baker said. Baker said only a minor injury occurred when a female received a broken finger after lowering the seat on one of the pieces of exercise equipment. The new equipment will have hydraulic seats.

"Last year, financial terms were hard so we chose the conservative route and purchased one circuit," Baker said.

If the money is not approved in February, the Recreation Center will try again another year.

"The Apportionment Board has done a lot for us and come through for us in the past, and we appreciate their commitment to the students," Baker said.



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY COLIN MCAULIFFE

## Leave it

Kara Brannstrom, a freshman elementary education major, waits for the elevator to come to her floor in Lawson Hall, Thursday afternoon. Brannstrom has mono and left school early for break.

## Different cultures, different reasons to head home

By Ron Henton II  
STAFF WRITER

Students make the trip home over Thanksgiving Break for many reasons.

"My dad always makes football pools and my family always plays 'guess the first commercial game,'" sophomore history major Meg Musser said. "Whoever guesses what the first commercial will be after the kickoff, wins."

Food is one of the main reasons students go home.

"My dad makes this special stuffing from scratch," D'anna Cepela said. "I eat really good food that my mom refuses to make until Thanksgiving."

Branson Moreno, a sophomore graphic design and Spanish major, said his family does not eat the usual bird for Thanksgiving.

"We usually don't eat too much turkey," Moreno said. "We usually cook chicken because I'm from El Salvador and there aren't too many turkeys around. My mom also makes a lot of El Salvadorian

food."

Kyle Williams, a junior recreation administration major, put more emphasis on the deserts than the main course.

"I really enjoy the pumpkin and pecan pie," Williams said. "They're definitely my favorites."

Some families also give thanks for the good times they have had throughout the year.

Sarah Altenburg, a freshman undecided major whose family gives thanks before they eat, said her family is the reason Thanksgiving is important.

"I miss my family a lot because we're very close," Altenburg said. "It's hard because I've never been away from them for this long."

Karlton Scott, a freshman political science major, said it is the only time he can see his three brothers and two sisters.

"Because everyone is in school, we can only meet on the holidays," Scott said. "I also get to see my friends because this is the first time we'll all be home together."

## Underclassmen: Special permits create unique parking dilemmas

*Editor's Note: This story is the first in a series of articles running in the weeks up until Christmas Break taking an in-depth look at parking availability, conveniences, hassles and costs associated with parking on campus.*

By Jessica Youngs  
STAFF WRITER

Some students agree parking has become a problem at Eastern, especially for the underclassmen.

Parking options are often limited by the number of spaces available.

One student found a way around the underclassmen parking problem this semester; she snagged an upperclassmen parking sticker.

"Find an upperclassman that doesn't have a car, and get him to buy you a pass!" the anonymous student said.

Some students, such as Kathy Jurgens, said instead of battling it out for an underclassman spot,

they choose to park off campus.

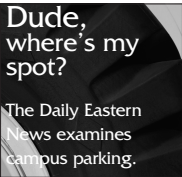
Jurgens, a sophomore marketing major, said she didn't park on campus this year because "it's too hard to find a spot that's close, and it's too cold to walk far."

Either Stu's parking lot or a side street are her parking spots of choice, she said.

Ashley Eickel, a sophomore business management major, said she also parks off campus on Monday and Wednesday. Her boyfriend also parks off campus in the old Hardee's' parking lot.

"I park in the Methodist church parking lot because there's nowhere else to park," said Eickel, who hopes she will not receive a ticket because she attends church there.

On Fridays, she is glad to be able



to park anywhere on campus when more spaces are available.

Other students have found other ways to get around buying an expensive parking pass or fighting for a spot.

Junior psychology major Tori Canfield didn't buy a parking sticker this year, so she walks to her classes.

"It takes just a long to walk as to drive," said Canfield, who lives off-campus.

Many students were easily able to suggest ways to increase parking around Eastern, but the solutions usually meant taking parking away from someone else.

"Take away underclassmen parking," said upperclassman Matt Kilanski.

Kilanski, a senior graphics design major, said he is usually able to find a parking spot in the Stevenson Hall parking lot, but it is sometimes a struggle.

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EDITORIAL

# Preparing to celebrate gratitude

Next week will celebrate one of the most unusual holidays the United States has to offer. Presents aren't required, most religions haven't deemed it a church holiday and no one dresses up as an intimidating rabbit or old man from the North Pole, but Thanksgiving *does* come with all the food anyone could want for those fortunate enough to afford it. All one has to do is say pass the mash potatoes and sleep off turkey chemicals.

Thanksgiving is traditionally a time to count your blessings and remember the past dining camaraderie between the Native Americans and European settlers. As students, be thankful you have a week away from classes and the academic cram before the end of the semester. And be glad Eastern doesn't have as high a fall tuition increase as the University of Illinois has planned, at least not yet. Or you can always be thankful for the traditional gifts.

Various Web sites poll the public this time of year on what they're most thankful for. The answers range from family and great friends, to winning the local football game and being glad to just be alive. So be thankful for whatever you want, but remember this is the only holiday with an expression of gratitude right in the name.

Thanksgiving Day is sandwiched between what is thought of as the most popular drinking holiday and the biggest shopping holiday. Retailers often have sales, and are thankful for the amount of shoppers that pour into their stores. That spending tradition might change this year.

The *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* printed a newswire story detailing a consumer survey by Consolidated Credit Counseling Services, Inc. The survey reported of the 1,000 polled nationwide, 58 percent plan to spend less this year and 50 percent said they're doing it because of current economic conditions.

So consider giving in to the shopping and drinking craze. Be thankful for your dog, Spot, and be glad you're not chugging coffee to stay up studying for class. And remember you're surrounded by gifts, no matter how small they are.

The editorial is the majority opinion of the Daily Eastern News editorial board.

OPINION

# Society needs to avoid blithe labels

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"Miss Emily, your skin is lighter than mine," a young African-American girl told my blonde-haired, blue-eyed best friend during camp last summer. The thought that this girl had no preconceived notions, no interpretation of differences based on skin color and that she was raised without racial prejudices touched me. It gave me hope.

As a society, we have a lazy tendency to package complex entities into small superficial categories, complete with a neat label. Our simplicity is embarrassing. The tendency to determine a person's value based on "the package" is disgraceful and yet we continue to do it.

The difficult parts have been done for us; the Civil War, the civil rights movement all hold as examples. People died to get us this far and now it is just remaining stagnant. The quest was for equality and true unity, not compensation for losses, and not insincere acceptance.

It is in our hands now— we're the educated, the young, the ones with the ability to make it happen. Each and every one of us comes from a variety of backgrounds and histories that have impacted the people we have become. While it is important to embrace one's heritage, it also is important to let go a little and embrace others.

Our differences should not be

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based on skin color, hair color, eye color or body types.

No two people are exactly the same in any way. People's differences need to be accepted without any prejudicial conclusions reached based on appearance.

We should honor our heritages and our ancestry. That can be done through education and through pride. But pride is not hate and pride does not need to come in the form of hierarchy. No lineage is any better than anyone else's.

We all have a story to tell, we all have adapted through life experiences. We should be open-minded and take the time to learn from other people without making premature assumptions.

Right now, our campus is letting a combination of six letters divide it. A single word, one inappropriately powerful word, is tearing us apart. This is some-

thing to learn from. The agony that word has the power to cause, now as it did years ago, should serve as an example that something needs to be done for us to progress.

We need to learn to love, and even dislike if deemed necessary, people for who they are inside.

Words used to degrade an entire race of people should not be thrown around out of humor, hostility or because they can conveniently precede lyrics about being gangsta and pulling "triggaz;" regardless of who is saying them. Why perpetuate a time of disrespect, a time of poor judgment, that caused pain and suffering for innumerable amounts of people?

Any words known to be offensive or behaviors intended to intimidate entire cultures, should be left behind.

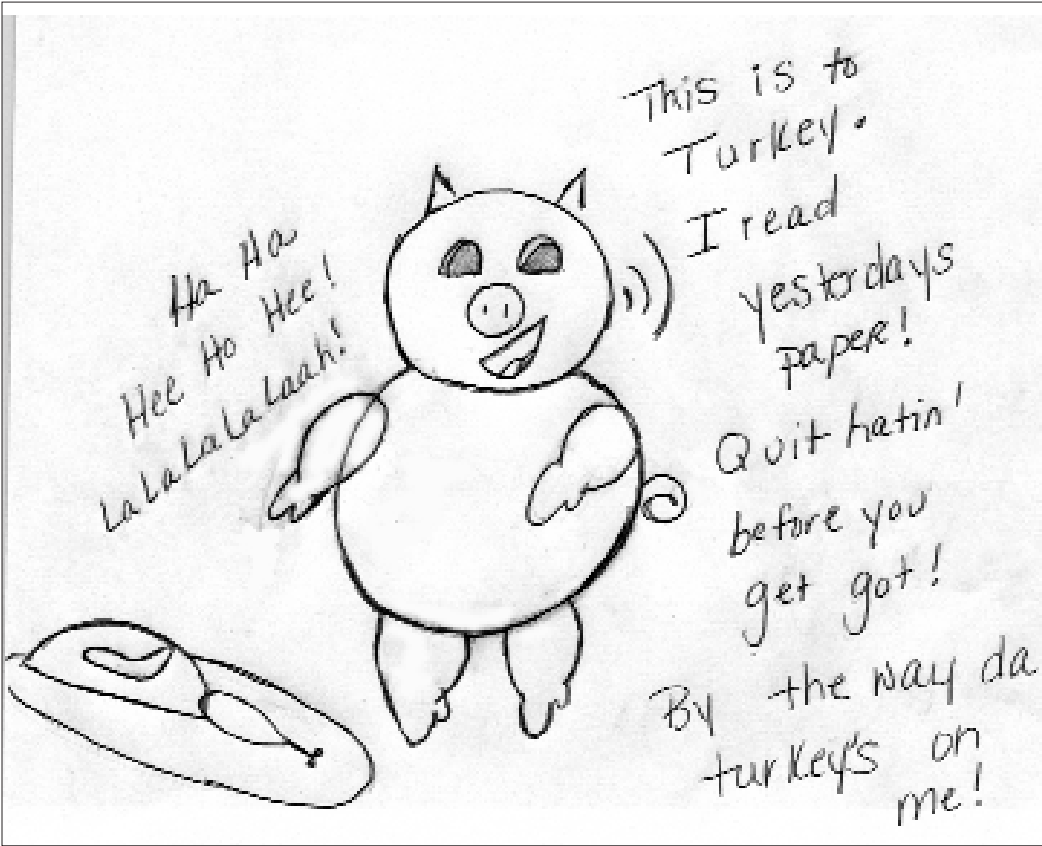
We need to learn from history before it repeats itself.

These divisions are ridiculous and shameful displays of close-mindedness.

In a society so dedicated to progress, this resistance to change, even with the promise of a better future, is just perplexing to me. We're people—nothing more, nothing less.

It is well past time to embrace love and respect for everyone we share this life with. One day, skin color won't determine first impressions for any child.

Cartoon by Rita Reinhardt



YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Ancient practice of animism spreading

As humanity lurches toward its uncertain future carrying the knowledge that they are lonely and insignificant in the universe, do day by day tremble at the prospect before them; extinction.

Misguided invention and science continually drag as limited natural resources evolving human suffering institutionalized by elitist pragmatics.

Throughout human history humanity has struggled, and continues to struggle against what is obvious; that there is no God or gods and from that truth does all forward social progress depend, thus rejecting religion's destructive power of abrogating man's efforts to materialize the bloody myth into reality, indeed a feverish distortion.

Hebrews have have sought unscrupulously over millenia to morph their God (as material) through the mouths

of men and dogmatic script. Other Arabs have thrust the practice into action, carrying its Islamic message by hoof, sword and now by covert bombs linked to nationalism and Hebraic human sacrifice: i.e. the Army of God.

Westerners carry on the ruthless Christian tradition by every imaginable method; grasping hegemony, and worrying humankind into suffocating cocoons of prejudice, fear and violence and pronouncing the action as God's will! This is all savagely illustrating that the power of myth also be the power of suggestion.

The Greco-Roman world oversaw a wider exploitation of religious opportunism upon remaining backward animists (including Westerners) declaring their superstition and ritual sacrifice anathema, introducing a neo-pantheon and some jurisdiction, lifting the oligarchs.

The ancient practice of animism visited both fear and loathing upon the devotee, but there were some perceived material good; abundant crops, a good hun and children. But, when lightning struck and thunder rolled, the animist accepted it and looked to better times, temporarily satisfied.

Not so with neo-Eastern and Western ideologues whom past and present crush the reluctant believer demanding generational subordination of mind and body to nefarious heavenly rewards. In such condition do 21st century humans find themselves, fastened to obscurantism and pseudo harmonics assuring a warped

psycho genesis, remaining blind and mute in the face of levered death!

Conversely, ancient Indus and Chinese populations reflect a filial emanation; i.e., that we are all human, and deemed it as good, a spiritual given. They recognized people are not inherently evil. The idea of evil rises out of dialectically perpetuating that it exists, a canon, thus creating social triage resulting in the march of armies. Purposely Rabbi, Pope, Mullah and Protestant Prince, all for self-interest, celebrate false immortality and death.

Michael Strange  
Charleston resident

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# ISU still seeks new president

By Kate Henderson  
STAFF WRITER

Eastern made its decisions and finished contract negotiations with President Lou Hencken, but Illinois State University's search continues for a president.

Interim President Al Bowman said interviews were conducted last weekend in Chicago to determine the finalists for president. An executive committee of three trustees and four campus representatives conducted the inter-

views.

From the group interviewed in Chicago, 10 to 12 finalists will be chosen.

In the next step, a larger committee involving students will narrow the finalists down to three or four candidates that will be invited back in January for more interviews, Bowman said.

"We hope to have a president by February," Bowman said.

Bowman has been interim since June, after coming to ISU in 1978. He said ISU chose to do a nation-

al search to "avoid the situation you all were in." Bowman said many wanted to go ahead and name him president, but a national search, the university decided. He did, however, agree with the choice Eastern made in offering Hencken the presidency.

"Lou is one of the better presidents in public education," Bowman said. "It was a good decision to name him, especially in the budget crisis.

"He is well regarded in Springfield."

# Firearm deer hunting season opens Saturday

By Daniel Williams  
STAFF WRITER

As the sun rises Nov. 21, hunters will invade the forests for the next three days when Illinois opens its annual firearm season on deer.

Firearm season for deer will last from Nov. 21 until Nov. 23 when bow season will resume until Dec. 4. The second session of firearm season will start for another four days on Dec 4. and continue until Dec. 7.

Tim Schweizer, spokesman for the Department of Natural Resources, said Illinois has approximately 190,000 registered firearm hunters.

Hunters must purchase a permit to hunt deer from the the county in which they will hunt. Permits cost \$15 for residents of the county and \$25 to \$50 for nonresident hunters depending on whether they buy an either sex permit or an antler-less permit.

Hunters may request as many permits as they wish, but the state divvies them up according to the amount of requests and the amount available for that county.

Assistant Manager of Rural King in Charleston, Gary Gandy, said the hunting aisle has become an extremely busy area with firearm season approaching. Rural King has seen an increase in many of the hunting accessories such as scent blockers and deer stands among the obvious increase of shotgun shells.

Joe DeCaro, of Toledo, is quite enthusiastic about the hunting season. DeCaro is taking a two day break from work in order to take advantage of the exceptional weather that is expected for the next few days. This is DeCaro's fourth year of hunting.

He has yet to 'bag' a deer but says he is very optimistic about this year. DeCaro and his hunting partners use 12-gauge shotguns for the season.

Firearm season can no longer be referred to as "shotgun season" due to new regulations allowing handguns to be used for cultivating deer. According

### Hunting permits

- ◆ \$15 for county residents
- ◆ \$50 for an out-of-county, either-sex permit
- ◆ \$25 for an out-of-county, antler-less permit
- ◆ Illinois has about 190,000 registered firearm hunters

to the DNR, hunters will be allowed to use centerfire revolvers or single-shot handguns that are at least .30 caliber with at least a four inch barrel length.

The expected number of handgun users will be unknown until hunters appear at check stations around the state. Schweizer is unsure how the use of handguns will affect the number of hunters. He said that it was unlikely to greatly increase the number of hunters but may turn many shotgun enthusiasts toward hunting with handguns.

The DNR will also be taking voluntary tissue samples from 36 counties from around the state in order to test for chronic wasting disease. Chronic wasting disease is a rare neurological disease affecting only deer and elk according to the DNR.

They also have reported that it is not contagious to humans, but it is fatal to deer and elk that contract it. The disease has 19 confirmed cases in Illinois; all from the upper part of the state.

Forest Wildlife Program Manager Paul Shelton says that collection at firearm deer check stations will not take very much time at all, and will "add only a few minutes to the usual deer check-in process."

Coles County is not one of the check stations participating in tissue testing. The check station for Coles County is located approximately one mile west of Charleston on route 16 and then another .25 mile north.

By Nina Samii  
STAFF WRITER

If Thanksgiving Day is the time for most to gobble up turkey and bond with the family, for others the night before turkey day is the time to hit the bars and prepare for all that quality family time with a few shots.

For Friends & Company manager Jason Kottwitz, the night before Thanksgiving has been a bar holiday comparable to New Year's Eve and St. Patrick's Day for the last three or four years.

"In most towns it's a big holiday...because obviously no one has to work the next day," he said of Wednesday night, which falls on Nov. 26 this year.

Because of Thanksgiving break, Charleston bars don't see the amount of business that non-college towns and bigger cities like Chicago do.

"There's a significant amount of bar business that night," Stix general manager Thad Harned said about most bar establishments. "We get the few stragglers (students) that stick around town or have to work jobs."

A lot of the local Thanksgiving holiday business comes from Charleston residents, Eastern alumni and people returning to families in the area, Harned said.

"People all want to come back and see their friends; it's kind of a meeting place," Harned said of

Stix and Charleston.

The night tends to yield varied business in Champaign.

"It is one of our busiest days," said Sandy Mitchell, a bartender at Fat City Saloon.

At the Esquire Lounge, "It's no different than Veteran's Day or the Fourth of July," said bartender Tracy Taylor.

But in Chicago, Wednesday night is when the real party happens.

"Anyone in the Midwest, and certainly Chicago, knows that the Wednesday before Thanksgiving is one of the top five nights to go out," said Nicole Pagnano, publicist for CroBar in Chicago.

Although CroBar isn't usually open on Wednesdays, it will be on Nov. 26.

Pagnano also feels people should take part in the pre-Thanksgiving festivities because, "You can get a jump-start on the holiday season."

Student reactions to the pre-Thanksgiving event have been mixed.

Many students were not aware the night before Thanksgiving is one of the biggest bar holidays of the year.

Tamika Hunt, a junior elementary education major, said she won't be going out.

"I'm just not a bar person," she said.

Senior zoology major Morgan Wood also will not be partaking

in the bar holiday festivities.

His reasons for not going out are because of his surroundings. "Usually I'm at my parents' (house)," he said.

Other students are excited about next Wednesday's merri-ment.

Senior accounting major David Szepfalusy will be spending his Thanksgiving holiday in California and will check out the bar scene in San Diego.

Brittany Bishop, a sophomore family and consumer sciences major, is eager to celebrate the day before Thanksgiving.

She will do her best to indulge in the bar holiday tradition, "if I can find an ID," she said.

Regardless of whether or not students plan to participate next Wednesday, they should be mindful that, according to About.com's Web site for Thanksgiving safety, it is a weekend for extra precautions on the road because of increased drunk drivers.

There are "more alcohol-related traffic fatalities on Thanksgiving holiday weekend than any other weekend during the year in the United States, including both New Year's Eve and New Year's Day."

The site refers to the period between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day as "The Killing Season." In 2001, 41.5 percent of the 4,943 traffic fatalities during that time were alcohol-related.

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# Court reinstates wrongful death suit against gun industry

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) – A federal appeals court Thursday reinstated a wrongful death lawsuit against the gun industry in a decision expected to re-ignite debate over legislation immunizing gun makers from being sued for crimes committed with their products.

Thirty-three states already have laws exempting gun manufacturers and distributors from such suits. The House in April passed a bill to extend the prohibition on such suits nationwide and President Bush has said he would sign it. Senate Democrats have threatened to filibuster the proposal.

*“I believe this is the first federal court of appeals decision to sustain a claim like this one.”*

—Peter Nordberg, plaintiffs’ attorney

The 2-1 ruling by the San Francisco-based 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals reinstates a lawsuit filed against gun manufacturers and distributors whose weapons were used by a white supremacist who shot a Filipino-American postal worker to death

and wounded five people at a Jewish day care center in a 1999 Los Angeles-area rampage.

A Los Angeles federal judge in 2001 had thrown out the case, filed by families of the victims against Georgia-based Glock Inc., China North Industries Corp., RSR

Management Corp. and RSR Wholesales guns Seattle Inc. The case was filed under California negligence and wrongful death statutes.

Survivors claimed that several weapons companies produced, distributed and sold more firearms than legal purchasers could buy. In addition, they claimed the industry knowingly participated and facilitated an underground illegal gun market.

“I believe this is the first federal court of appeals decision to sustain a claim like this one,” said Peter Nordberg, an attorney for the plaintiffs.

Since 1998, at least 33 municipal-

ities, counties and states have sued gun makers, many claiming that manufacturers, through irresponsible marketing, allowed weapons to reach criminals. None of the suits has resulted in a manufacturer or distributor paying any damages.

Private groups, including the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, also have sued, saying guns “led to disproportionate numbers of injuries, deaths and other damages” among minorities. That case was thrown out of federal court in July.

The gunman in the 1999 shootings, Buford Furrow, is serving life

HEALTH

## U.S. syphilis rate increases 2nd year in row

◆ *The majority of the United States is not seeing syphilis at all, but increases show in cases involving gay and bisexual males*

ATLANTA (AP) – The nation’s syphilis rate has climbed for the second year in a row, mostly because of an increase in cases among gay and bisexual men, the government said Thursday.

Between 2001 and 2002, the syphilis rate rose 9.1 percent from 2.2 cases per 100,000 people to 2.4 cases, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said. The rate had dropped every year between 1990 and 2000 before reversing course.

The actual increase in cases was small but the rise among gay and bisexual men has caused concern that the public health safeguards and safe-sex practices adopted over the last two decades during the AIDS epidemic continue to crumble.

“The vast majority of the United States is not seeing any syphilis at all,” said Dr. John Douglas, director of the CDC’s division of sexually transmitted diseases. “We’re seeing syphilis rise primarily in groups of gay and bisexual men.”

Syphilis cases in the West soared 64.3 percent (1.4 cases per 100,000 to 2.3) between 2001 and 2002 and climbed 54.5 percent in the Northeast (1.1 cases per 100,000 to 1.7 per 100,000), a rise caused in part by outbreaks in these regions’ major cities – San Francisco, Los Angeles, New York and Miami.

The CDC also reported that prevention efforts appeared to be working in the South, which for the first time since 1984, no longer accounts for half of the country’s syphilis cases. Also, women and non-Hispanic blacks saw a decline for the 12th consecutive year.

In the past two years, the government has repeatedly warned that gays and bisexuals may be letting down their guard against sexually transmitted diseases. About 40 percent of the new cases are from these groups, the CDC said.

## Man dies during weight reduction surgery

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) – A 27-year-old man died while undergoing stomach reduction surgery at a Rhode Island hospital, a hospital spokesman said.

Roger Williams Medical Center is investigating the death, which happened Tuesday about 30 minutes into the laparoscopic gastric bypass surgery, said spokesman Brett Davey.

He would not say if the doctor or doctors involved would be disciplined or describe what went wrong during the surgery.

The hospital performs about 200

similar procedures each year, intended for morbidly obese patients, Davey said. He said he couldn’t remember the last time someone died as a result of the surgery and said the hospital had no plans to halt the procedures.

The patient who died at Roger Williams on Tuesday, identified by his family as Robert Messa Jr. of East Providence, worked as a nursing assistant at the hospital and weighed about 350 pounds.

Gastric bypass surgery aids weight loss by shrinking the stomach from the size of a football to the size of an egg.

Typically, patients lose 70 to 80 percent of their excess body weight in about a year.

But the surgery comes with risks, including postoperative complications that can include blood clots floating to the lungs or stomach juices leaking into the blood and causing infections.

The patient who died Tuesday underwent about three months of preparation for the surgery, including consulting with a cardiologist, psychiatrist and dietitian and attending a three-hour seminar on the risks and benefits of the procedure, Davey said.

## Jackson returns to California, walks into jail in handcuffs Thursday

◆ *Pop superstar faces child molestation charges*

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP) – A handcuffed Michael Jackson walked into the Santa Barbara jail on Thursday to face child molestation charges that could destroy the pop superstar’s career and send him to prison for years.

A private jet carrying Jackson landed at the Santa Barbara airport shortly before noon and rolled its nose into the partly opened doors of a hangar. A caravan of cars left the hangar shortly afterward.

The 45-year-old King of Pop, his hands cuffed behind his back, entered the Santa Barbara County main jail shortly after noon, accompanied by defense attorney Mark Geragos, who said earlier he arranged the surrender.

Jackson left after posting bail, which was set at \$3 million in a warrant. He waved to reporters, flashed a V-sign and climbed into a black

Suburban that drove away with an escort of three sheriff’s motorcycle officers.

“He’s come back specifically to confront these charges head on,” Geragos said said earlier outside the jail. “He is greatly outraged by the bringing of these charges. He considers this to be a big lie. He understands the people who are outraged, because if these charges were true, I assure you Michael would be the first to be outraged.

“I’m here to tell you today, Michael has given me the authority to say on his behalf these charges are categorically untrue. He looks forward to getting into a courtroom as opposed to any other forum and confronting these accusations head on.”

Jermaine Jackson angrily defended his brother in an interview with CNN.



Michael Jackson

“The whole family supports Michael 100 percent, 1,000 percent. Michael is innocent,” he said Thursday.

“My brother is not eccentric. We had an incredible, wonderful childhood,” he said. “And what they’re doing is bringing him down with the very thing that he loved. ... At the end of the day, this is nothing but a modern-day lynching.”

Earlier Thursday, Geragos confirmed that the surrender was being arranged in Santa Barbara, where throngs of camera crews and news reporters awaited his arrival.

Jackson had left North Las Vegas Airport aboard a leased jet late Thursday morning heading for Santa Barbara Municipal Airport. The jet was said to be carrying Jackson, his family and a bodyguard.

Jackson had been in Las Vegas filming a music video when dozens of law enforcement agents swarmed his Neverland Ranch compound near Santa Barbara on Tuesday.

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# Catholic archdiocese pleads no contest in abuse cases

By Terry Kinney  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

CINCINNATI (AP) – The Archdiocese of Cincinnati pleaded no contest Thursday to charges of failing to tell authorities about sex abuse allegations, becoming just the third Roman Catholic diocese to strike a deal with prosecutors in a criminal investigation.

Hamilton County Common Pleas Judge Richard Niehaus sentenced the archdiocese to \$10,000 in fines on five misdemeanor counts.

With Archbishop Daniel Pilarczyk representing the church,

prosecutor Mike Allen read the five counts of failure to report a felony aloud in court. Each regarded “an institutional knowledge that certain felony sex crimes involving minors occurred.”

Asked by the judge if he understood the implications of the plea agreement, Pilarczyk replied, “Yes sir, I do.”

The no contest plea is not an admission of guilt – the Cincinnati Archdiocese acknowledged no wrongdoing – but means the defendant will not fight the charges.

Two grand juries have conducted investigations into whether

Cincinnati priests molested children, and whether church officials failed to come forward when they learned of abuse charges.

In March 2002, prosecutors served the archdiocese with a subpoena requesting church records on reported molestation. An agreement on which records should be released was reached on Monday, and the two sides then began negotiations on an overall settlement.

Grand jury action was suspended during those talks, and Thursday’s plea enabled the archdiocese to sidestep a possible indictment.

Cincinnati’s case is the third

nationally in which church leaders have struck a deal with prosecutors to avoid a criminal trial.

In Phoenix, former Bishop Thomas J. O’Brien avoided facing obstruction of justice charges by acknowledging that he concealed abuse allegations against priests.

In New Hampshire, prosecutors were pursuing misdemeanor charges under the state’s child endangerment laws when church officials agreed to a settlement.

Christy Miller, a plaintiff in a lawsuit against the archdiocese and a priest, said she was extremely dissatisfied.

“They didn’t admit to anything,” Miller said. “They didn’t apologize for anything. They still aren’t accountable for anything. They still are operating under a veil of secrecy.”

But Jeff Anderson, a St. Paul, Minn., a victims’ attorney who has handled hundreds of cases, said the deal is a positive step in addressing a nationwide crisis.

“One of the things that has been absent is criminal accountability,” he said. “One of the laments of the survivors across the country is the hierarchy’s repeated escape from responsibility and accountability.”

## States starting to see budget relief

By Robert Tanner  
AP NATIONAL WRITER

State government finances are improving, a new survey says, with fewer budget shortfalls, more control over spending and a boost in revenue growth for the first time in years.

The upswing found by a national survey of state fiscal health isn’t strong enough to instantly undo the past three years of money problems, the worst states have seen since World War II, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

The national bipartisan group’s latest survey found:

- ◆ Ten states reported budget shortfalls so far this year, worth a combined total of \$2.8 billion. A year ago at this time, 31 states reported revenue wasn’t meeting expenses, totaling \$17.5 billion. Most states begin their fiscal year on July 1.
- ◆ Thirty-four states were on target or better with their revenue estimates for the first quarter of the fiscal year– July, August and

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September. Revenues in 16 states failed to reach targets.

- ◆ More than half the states said that they were on target on the spending side of the budget, though 22 were spending more than they had budgeted. Still, that’s better than last year, when 29 states were over budget.

The findings dovetail with those of a 50-state analysis conducted by The Associated Press and released Monday. The AP found a brighter financial picture in about two-thirds of the states but widespread caution among government officials.

“It’s too early to break out the sunglasses, but the fiscal storm we’ve endured may be breaking up,” said Utah House Speaker Marty Stephens, NCSL president.

“There is now reason for optimism,” said the conference’s executive director, Bill Pound.

A separate report found that state revenue from July through September grew 4.5 percent, the first overall growth after two years of declines, according to the Rockefeller Institute of Government in Albany, N.Y.

Tax increases accounted for much of the growth, according to Nick Jenny, the report’s author. Accounting for legislative changes and inflation, states overall saw only 0.6 percent growth.

States in the past two years approved \$20 billion in new or higher taxes.

While the reports were encouraging, the authors took pains to warn that the positive steps seen so far could easily turn for the worse if the economy does not keep improving.

And they also said that many one-time fill-the-gap maneuvers can’t be repeated, so that next year’s state budgets could bring a return of spending cuts and tax increases.

## Illinois supreme court suspends state’s attorney’s law license

SPRINGFIELD (AP) – The Illinois Supreme Court Thursday suspended the Kane County State’s Attorney’s law license for four months for suggesting in 1998 telephone messages that the county board chairman could be bribed for a job.

Meg Gorecki has asked Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan to determine whether she can continue to hold office while her law license is suspended, Madigan spokeswoman Melissa Merz said.

“We are reviewing the Supreme Court’s case and then we will be issuing an opinion as soon as possible,” Merz said.

Answering machine tapes surfaced just before Gorecki won the Republican primary for state’s attorney in 2000. On them Gorecki told a sheriff’s deputy who was

trying to get her then-boyfriend a job to make campaign contributions to Kane County Board Chairman Michael McCoy.

Gorecki admitted having left the message, but denied there was a real jobs-for-donations scheme. McCoy has not been accused of wrongdoing.

“I will follow any order issued by the Illinois Supreme Court and will await their final decision by way of mandate,” Gorecki said Thursday in a statement. Spokeswoman Jody Gleason declined to comment on whether Gorecki will stay in office during her suspension.

Chief Justice Mary Ann G. McMorrow wrote in the court’s opinion that Gorecki apologized, but a suspension was still warranted.

## Teen in custody after Eagle Scout candidate shot in the head

DECATUR (AP) – A high school student who was on his way to becoming an Eagle Scout is dead after being shot in the head with a stolen handgun, police said.

Steven Dintrono, 18, of Decatur died early Wednesday when he was shot while at the home of an acquaintance, Lt. James Chervinko said.

Investigators sent to the scene arrested a 17-year-old boy and recovered a semi-automatic handgun that had been reported stolen in Marion, Ind., Chervinko said.

Both Dintrono and the shooting suspect attended MacArthur Douglas High School.

The suspect had not been charged but was being held at the Macon County Jail Wednesday evening.

Macon County Coroner Michael Day said an autopsy was scheduled for Thursday.

Dintrono was a member of Boy Scout Troop 17 which is chartered to St. Patrick Catholic Church. He had completed all the requirements for the Eagle Scout rank and was awaiting a board of review, the final step to achieving the rank.

Troop 17 Scoutmaster Mark Becker said he talked with Dintrono on Tuesday evening about the board of review.

He said Dintrono had done “some really nice landscaping around the church” for his Eagle Scout service project.

“This was a real tragedy,” Becker said.

## Man cited for negligent driving after fatally striking wife with Buick

CHICAGO (AP) – A 79-year-old man was cited for negligent driving after he fatally struck his wife as she stepped out of the couple’s Buick, police said.

Victor Amelio and his wife had just pulled in to the driveway of their home on the city’s North Side Wednesday afternoon when the accident occurred, police spokeswoman Amina Greer said.

Amelio intended to put the 1993 Roadmaster in park, but

accidentally shifted the car into reverse and stepped on the gas, striking Genevieve Amelio as she exited the vehicle, Greer said.

The 77-year-old woman was rushed to Illinois Masonic Medical Center where she was pronounced dead a short while later.

Greer said the incident was being investigated as an accident and that there were no signs of foul play.

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# Panthers face more of the nations best at Missouri

By Matt Williams  
NEWS EDITOR

The Eastern wrestlers continue their tour of some of the best wrestlers in the country when they travel to compete in the Missouri Open.

The all day tournament at Columbia, Mo., includes Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, Missouri, Iowa State, Illinois, Arizona State and Indiana.

This meet will be different from the previous two meets Eastern has been in because it will split into a freshman/sophomore group and an upperclassmen group.

“This is kind of nice because it

changes the focus a little bit,” Eastern coach Ralph McCausland said. “There will be six mats going on one side and six going on the other side.”

The Panthers have had luck in both the Michigan State and Central Missouri Opens, and the success has been from both the experienced and inexperienced wrestlers.

Upperclassmen Pat Dowty, Matt Veach, Clay French and Pete Ziminski have all done their parts this year, but younger wrestlers like Ken Robertson have also emerged.

Robertson has placed in both tournaments thus far with a 4th

*“We are pleased with our progress and development. It’s just nice because these guys are working so hard.”*

— Ralph McCausland, wrestling coach

place finish last weekend and has done well in his first collegiate season.

McCausland said there are others on their way.

“We’ve got freshmen who are 3-2 in some of the tournaments and that’s kind of exciting,” McCausland said. “We are pleased with our progress and development. It’s just nice because these guys are working so hard.”

Freshmen Jason Sherko (197) and Adam Beeler (149) both finished one match away from placing at Central Missouri while McCausland said many others have also been doing well.

Dowty finished in second last weekend with a 4-1 record at 133, improving on his seventh place finish at Michigan State.

Dowty, a two-time NCAA qualifier, has wrestled well against some of the toughest competition with one of his victories coming against the sixth-ranked wrestler in the country in the 133-pound weight class.

“Dowty is in the rankings already, and we hope to have others follow,” McCausland said.

McCausland also has liked the way his team has come together and supported each other in these first couple of weeks.

“When one guy is wrestling, there are five or six in the corner watching,” McCausland said. “That’s a reflection of the success they have had already.”

## Illini basketball suspends 3 players

By Jim Paul  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

CHAMPAIGN (AP) – Illinois basketball coach Bruce Weber said Thursday that having to discipline three players has distracted him from preparing for his team’s season-opening game Saturday night.

Guard Luther Head and forward Aaron Spears sat out Illinois’ two exhibition games and will sit out the first two regular-season games for violating team rules. Also, freshman guard Richard McBride will sit for four games for violating team rules.

Weber, who has refused to discuss specifics about the situation and barred the three from discussing it, said he con-

siders the matter closed and that he hopes it will help his team grow.

“The biggest thing with me is that it’s taken away my concentration on basketball during the day,” Weber said. “I have plans for the day, what I want to get done, and obviously I’ve been distracted the last ten days.

“I hope it doesn’t hurt the team because of that distraction.”

Bo Delaney, Head’s coach at Chicago’s Manley High School, said the players’ discipline involves the acceptance from an acquaintance of items they did not know were stolen. Delaney said the players returned the items and that Head paid for others that were not recovered.

Champaign County State’s Attorney

John Piland would not respond to questions from The Associated Press on whether his office was investigating any players.

Head and Spears have continued to practice and sat on the bench in uniform for the exhibition games. McBride also continues to practice with the team, although he has been nursing a sore foot.

Four-game suspensions are appropriate for all three players, Weber said.

“The biggest thing is that they get the message, that they learn something from it,” he said. “I told our guys that it’s almost like this whole sitting out should be a constant nightmare, it keeps coming back to remind them not to do anything again.”

## Michigan faces tough test vs. Ohio State ‘D’

By Larry Lage  
AP SPORTS WRITER

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) – Ohio State’s defense is impressive. Michigan’s offense is spectacular.

When they play for the 100th time, there will be a lot at stake, including the outright Big Ten title and an automatic Bowl Championship Series bid.

No. 4 Ohio State won the last two meetings, and if the defending national champion Buckeyes (10-1, 6-1 Big Ten) win Saturday, they could have a chance to defend their title at the Sugar Bowl.

“I think Michigan is as explosive on the offensive side of things as any team in the country,” Ohio State coach Jim Tressel said. “Our guys know that they’re in for their stiffest challenge of the year.”

### Colts: Colts considered Eastern before

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“We would have 100 players at the camp and so we would need to feed about 180 players,” the spokesman said. “Other requirements would be meeting rooms, practice fields, a pretty good commitment from a university and good athletic facilities.”

The Colts may not relocate to Eastern, but it appears their five-year partnership with Rose-Hulman is all but over.

“We don’t have a contract with the Colts for next year,” Rose-Hulman assistant facility director Al Morrison said. “They’ve made it public that they are negotiating with other places. If training camp were to start today, I don’t think they would be here.”

This is not the first time the Colts have looked at Eastern for training camp. Many years ago Indianapolis visited Eastern, but a deal was not made.

“It’s only in the beginning stage, but it would increase school publicity, hotels, restaurants and other business,” McDuffie said.

### New: Despite having 8 new players on the roster, Northern familiar with Eastern’s team

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One would think a coach facing a team in an opening game that will suit up eight new players would be concerned about scouting. Judson feels the exact opposite as the new Panthers on the roster are not necessarily unknown identities to him.

“They are not an unknown to us,” Judson said. “We are very prepared for whoever Eastern places on the floor Saturday.”

Judson said he attempted to recruit a pair of the athletes who found themselves in blue and white.

“Derik Hollyfield is a very talented perimeter player who we noticed while he was at the junior college level,” Judson said. “Kevin Lowe was a post player that we were also interested in.”

Eastern will start seniors Jesse Mackinson and David Roos, who will try to sure up the Panthers’ front court.

“We did not score any easy baskets (in the preseason game) and need to get some of those on occasion,” Samuels said.

Northern will counter with forward Marcus Smallwood who averaged a double-double (13.3 points-per-game and 10.1 rebounds) last season. The Huskies will not be starting their leading returning scorer in senior guard P.J. Brown, but he is expected to be substituted into the game early.

“Marcus and P.J. are guys who have been in my program for three years, and they understand what I expect of them,” Judson said.

The determining factor to an Eastern win will be how well sophomore guard Josh Gomes will shoot the basketball. The Indianapolis, Ind., native went 5-of-13 from the floor in the exhibition game.

“We want to encourage Josh to keep shooting because we recognize that he is still a young player with limited playing experience,” Samuels said.

In the last two meetings of these schools, the home team has earned the victory and Eastern will intend to break the tradition.

“The key is the first three games are all against teams predicted to win its conference, and to compete on the road is the first thing this team must prove it can do quickly,” Samuels said.

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Sophomore quarterback Andrew Harris attempts to evade a would-be Jacksonville State tackler last Saturday in Eastern's 24-36 loss to the Gamecocks. Harris passed for a career high 289 yards and completed three touchdown passes in the game.

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# Last game doesn't get any easier

**Eastern vs. Samford**

◆ WHEN:  
1:30 p.m.

◆ WHERE:  
O'Brien Stadium

◆ RECORD:  
Eastern (4-7, 3-4)  
Samford (6-4, 4-3)

◆ *Eastern's final opponent of the year, Samford, features the Ohio Valley Conference's best passing offense*

By Aaron Seidlitz  
STAFF WRITER

Eastern's final football game of the season this Saturday against Samford will be the toughest test of the year for the Panther defense, and the secondary in particular .

The Bulldogs (6-4, 4-3) boast the top passing offense in the Ohio valley Conference, and have, at least statistically, the best wide receiver in the conference.

Senior Efrem Hill has gone through the season posting solid numbers throughout. The outcome thus far has resulted in 82 receptions for 1,236 yards and 14 touchdowns.

Eastern's defensive preparation will focus on Hill, even though Eastern's coaches still believe he will have an impact on the game somehow.

"We know that you can't stop him throughout the course of the game," Eastern head coach Bob Spoo said.

"So then we hope to curtail him throughout and try to make the catches he does make only for minimal gain."

As for who will have to draw the assignment of shadowing Hill around the field, the responsibility will probably not fall on the shoulders of one individual.

Another aspect of the Samford offense that can cause trouble for opposing defenses is the fact that Samford uses a West Coast style offense in which the ball is not held by the quarterback for very long.

Instead, three step drops will be the norm for the Bulldogs, as their quarterback, Ray Nelson, will try to get rid of the ball as quickly as possible.

"One aspect of their offense that could cause some frustration for us up front is the fact that they will be in the shotgun and will pass the ball quickly," Eastern defensive coordinator Roc Bellantoni said. "That will probably mean that we won't get much pressure on them, so the responsibility for the back seven in the secondary."

The game will be bittersweet for the Panthers regardless of the outcome. The team will say goodbye to longtime starters at linebacker Nick Ricks, Fred Miller and Jacob Maurer.

These three have been major consistencies for the

Panthers during their time spent in Charleston and were the leaders of this year's much improved defense.

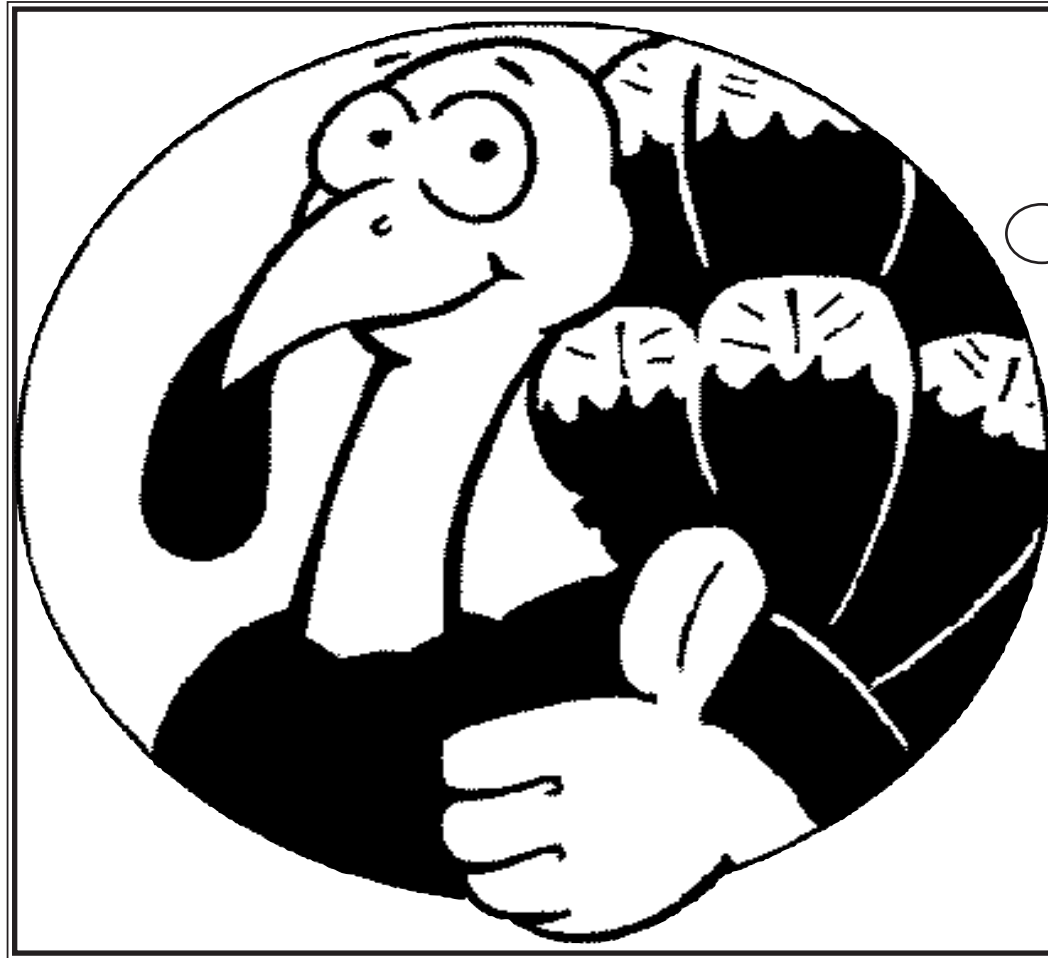
"There is no doubt they will be missed," Spoo said. "It is rare to find a group of linebackers who are the best three starters in their unit while they have been here, and the stats bear that out."

While the Panthers say goodbye to the group of linebackers who have been the team's most consistent players, they also look forward to an offense that seems to finally have figured out how to play solidly.

In the beginning of the year, Eastern was barely confident enough to pick a starting quarterback. Then, once the Panthers settled on sophomore Andrew Harris, he didn't really pick up the offense until a couple of weeks ago against Tennessee Martin.

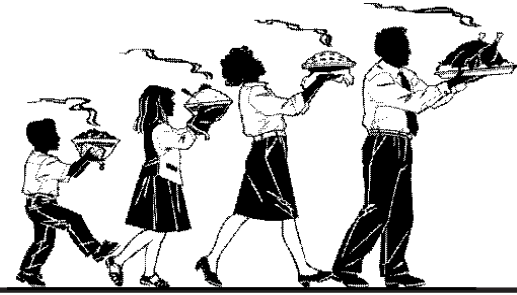
Now, the Panthers have enough confidence in him to have him throw the ball 48 times in the game last week against Jacksonville state.

"He has gotten experience because he has learned what he's needed to in each game," Spoo said. "Overall the offense is running nicer because of the improvement on the offensive line and the improved play from our younger guys."



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## Panther sports calendar

FRIDAY	W Basketball vs. Indiana-Northwest	7:05 p.m. Lantz
SATURDAY	Football vs. Samford	1:30 p.m. O'Brien
	M Basketball at NIU	7 p.m.
	Wrestling at Missouri Open	All Day

## Indianapolis Colts consider Eastern for training camp

By Michael Gilbert  
SPORTS REPORTER

It's possible Tony Romo won't be the only athlete with National Football League talent to step foot on Eastern's campus.

Florida State University's recruiting class isn't coming to Eastern, but the Indianapolis Colts might.

The Colts are exploring the idea of moving their training camp site to Charleston. Currently, the Colts train at the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute Ind., but Eastern's director of athletics Rich McDuffie and assistant director of athletics John Smith gave the Colts' director of player development, Steve Champlin, a tour of Eastern a few weeks ago.

"There have been issues with the Colts front office and the facilities of the Rose Hulman Institute of Technology, and we hope these issues can be resolved," a spokesman for the Colts front office said.

Nothing was finalized during the visit so students shouldn't get their hopes up to see Peyton Manning, Marvin Harrison, Reggie Wayne and Edgerrin James take up residency in Charleston. There are other possible sites involved in trying to host the Colts' training camp, and McDuffie doesn't expect an answer from the Colts until next year.

"I don't know when they are going to make a decision, but it probably won't be until after the Super Bowl," McDuffie said. "They want to finish off the year and concentrate on the Super Bowl because they have a chance to get there this season."

Eastern has a strong sales pitch with new Pro-Grass installed on the football field. At Phil Brown Field, where the Colts trained last year, the surface was Bermuda Turf.

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**Rich McDuffie**

Eastern director of athletics

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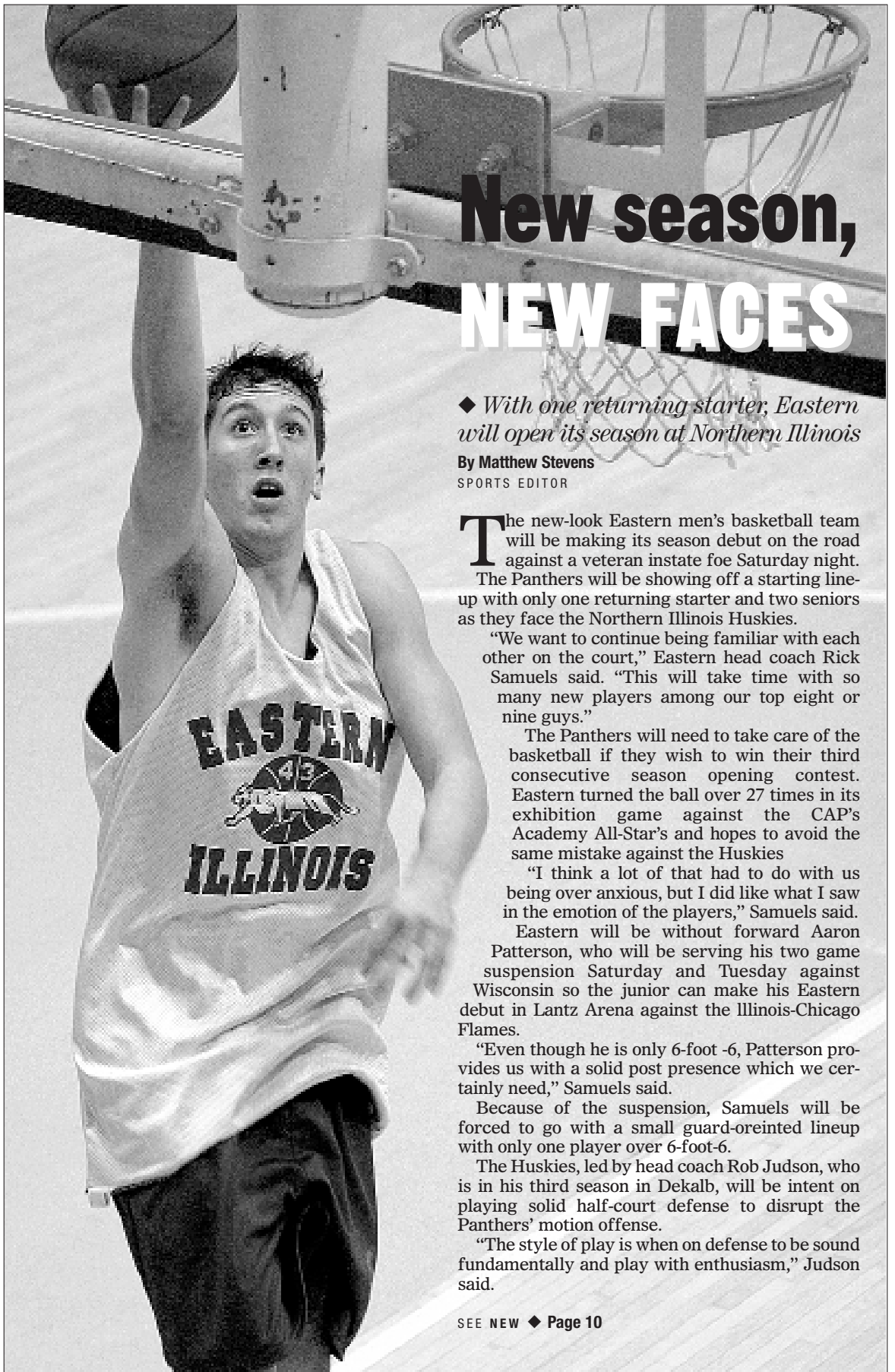
them to practice day or night," McDuffie said. "If it rains during the day, the team could still practice at night because with Pro-Grass there is excellent drainage on the field. They're only in camp for a short time and they need to get a lot of things done before the season starts; with Pro-Grass they could do that."

Also a plus for Eastern is the residence quarters in which the Colts would stay. Many NFL teams live in buildings far from the stadium they train at, resulting in trips by car or bus. With residence halls close to O'Brien Stadium, this would not be the case.

"They would probably stay at Lincoln, Stevenson and or Douglas Hall, which are right next to Lantz Arena. Our facilities are very close to each other," McDuffie said.

While O'Brien Stadium has a state-of-the-art playing surface, Eastern's practice fields are less than stellar. McDuffie noted the fields would most likely need to be upgraded if the Colts came.

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Redshirt freshman guard Joey Cortez puts up a shot during a layup drill at Monday's practice in Lantz Arena.

## New season, NEW FACES

◆ *With one returning starter, Eastern will open its season at Northern Illinois*

By Matthew Stevens  
SPORTS EDITOR

The new-look Eastern men's basketball team will be making its season debut on the road against a veteran instate foe Saturday night.

The Panthers will be showing off a starting lineup with only one returning starter and two seniors as they face the Northern Illinois Huskies.

"We want to continue being familiar with each other on the court," Eastern head coach Rick Samuels said. "This will take time with so many new players among our top eight or nine guys."

The Panthers will need to take care of the basketball if they wish to win their third consecutive season opening contest. Eastern turned the ball over 27 times in its exhibition game against the CAP's Academy All-Star's and hopes to avoid the same mistake against the Huskies.

"I think a lot of that had to do with us being over anxious, but I did like what I saw in the emotion of the players," Samuels said.

Eastern will be without forward Aaron Patterson, who will be serving his two game suspension Saturday and Tuesday against Wisconsin so the junior can make his Eastern debut in Lantz Arena against the Illinois-Chicago Flames.

"Even though he is only 6-foot -6, Patterson provides us with a solid post presence which we certainly need," Samuels said.

Because of the suspension, Samuels will be forced to go with a small guard-oriented lineup with only one player over 6-foot-6.

The Huskies, led by head coach Rob Judson, who is in his third season in Dekalb, will be intent on playing solid half-court defense to disrupt the Panthers' motion offense.

"The style of play is when on defense to be sound fundamentally and play with enthusiasm," Judson said.

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Freshman guard Meggie Eck guards senior forward Katie Meyers at practice Wednesday night in Lantz Arena.

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## Ironing out the wrinkles

◆ *After preseason scrimmages, Eastern sees both good and bad results*

By Aaron Seidlitz  
SPORTS REPORTER

Exhibition games for men's and women's college basketball allow teams to recognize the strengths and weaknesses of their own squad before the regular season starts.

The Panthers proved they have some more encouraging aspects to this year, but they played like a team that still needs to fix some of their problems from last year.

The most encouraging aspect of Sunday's game against the Premier All-Stars was the return of junior center Pam O'Connor.

O'Connor had missed the past two season with injuries, and her presence on the court immediately lifted the Panthers. Instead of being a team relied on the perimeter jump shot, the Panthers were more balanced, with a more dan-

gerous post game.

"Her return was a big boost to the team," Eastern head coach Linda Wunder said. "Everybody has a lot more confidence with her on the floor."

But the rust that many players would have shown after not playing for two years was not apparent in the way O'Connor played. She ended the game with 16 points, and only missed four shots from the field on 8-of-12 shooting.

"I wasn't that surprised that she shot as well as she did," Wunder said. "She basically did what I expected she would."

O'Connor also said besides the pre-game jitters that returned for the first time in two years, the game itself never felt out of her control.

"It was good that it was an exhibition game so that I could get rid of all the nerves," she said. "But it felt good to get back in the game, and I basically did what I thought I could."

O'Connor's presence was

noticed on the floor along with the shooting threats guards Megan Sparks and Lauren Dailey.

These three players form a solid nucleus for an offense that could be much improved from last year. Even though the Panthers were able to score, the team still had the same troubles on the defensive side of the court.

"There is no doubt that we can score, but we have to refocus on defense right now," O'Connor said. "It's a big weakness for the team that we still give up long runs where the momentum is turned against us."

The Panthers allowed another big run Sunday. The 18-3 run in favor of the Premier All-Stars turned a 55-53 Eastern lead into a 12 point deficit.

Eastern could not recover from this and ended up losing the game by seven points.

"The game is kind of like a mid-term exam for us," Wunder said. "We can evaluate where we are at now and improve in the areas that we need to."